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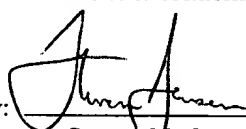
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**EXAMINING GROUP 2674
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2002, in the above referenced application. A request for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 20 as follows: